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SUBJECT : GUINEA-ALGERIA-NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE - PLOTS
AS EXCUSES

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1. AFTER FINDING REFERENCE TO CLEAN AFRICA COMMITTEE IN
EXTRAORDINARY EDITION OF LIBERIA OFFICIAL GAZETTE FOR
MARCH 29 CALLED ON LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR SHERMAN TO
COORDINATE APPROACH TO PRIME MINISTER (REFTEL). LIBERIAN
AMBASSADOR'S INTERPRETATION OF LATEST IN NEVER-ENDING SERIES
OF PLOT REVELATIONS IN GUINEA IS THAT PRESIDENT TOURE
DECIDED TO RELEASE DOCUMENTS MENTIONED REFTEL AS AN EXCUSE
TO AVOID LEAVING GUINEA TO GO TO MEETING OF CHIEFS OF
STATE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS AT ALGIERS.

2. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR SHERMAN, BOUMEDIENNE AND HIS
AMBASSADOR AT CONAKRY HAVE EXERCISED TREMENDOUS PRESSURE ON
TOURE BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. ALGERIANS HAVE EVEN MADE "FAN-
TASTIC PROMISES" (NOT IDENTIFIED) AND TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY
TO GET LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR TO HELP THEM PERSUADE TOURE.
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3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, AMBASSADOR SHERMAN SAID HE

BELIEVES DOCUMENTS WERE RELEASED AT THIS TIME TO PROVIDE PRESIDENT TOURE WITH A GOOD EXCUSE FOR STAYING AT HOME. AFTER RECALLING PROBLEMS HE HAD PERSUADING TOURE TO GO TO LIBERIA TWICE IN 1972 AMBASSADOR SHERMAN SAID TOURE IS JUST TOO WORRIED HIS PLACE MIGHT BE TAKEN BY SOMEONE ELSE WHILE HE IS ABROAD.

4. AMBASSADOR SHERMAN IS ONE OF BEST INFORMED AND SHREWDEST OBSERVERS OF LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE AND CERTAINLY MOST OBJECTIVE INTERPRETER OF EVENTS. BELIEVE HIS INTERPRETATION FOR LATEST PLOT SCARE IS MOST PLAUSIBLE ONE WE ARE LIKELY TO GET. FURTHER BELIEVE AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR REVELATIONS MIGHT WELL BE TO SHAKE UP LETHARGIC MILITANTS AND POSSIBLY TO SET STAGE FOR NEW PURGES. PROMISED APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER HAS STILL NOT MATERIALIZED BUT WHEN IT DOES WILL GIVE HIM CITATION FROM LIBERIA GAZETTE (P. 6) AS WELL AS ANY OTHER INFO DEPT MAY SEND. HAVERKAMP

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